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Mary Mother of God Mission Society was founded for work in Russia and America. But now so many of our seminarians come from various countries of Asia, and it makes economic sense for us to use seminaries in the Asian countries which surround us. The result is that many of our seminarians are already doing great work in various countries, as well as in Russia. In this issue of the Sunrise we want to show some of these good works.

A Time to Share in Indonesia!

Bro Desideratus Amdingsaputro, C.J.D.

The grace of God shows itself through the support and concern we get from many people. Praise to God forever! Thanks to the JSP Company [Joseph Peter Company], a kids' clothing manufacturer from Bandung, West Java, that kindly donated 3,000 pieces of clothing to be distributed to needy people on Flores Island! This is truly a wonderful help for our work with people on the island, especially in the Diocese of Maumere. The boxes of clothing arrived at Our CJD Seminary in December, 2017 and since then our priests and brothers have been distributing these clothes to people who need them, in cooperation with parish priests in some places.

So far, we have donated the clothing to people in five parishes. Most of the recipients were kids from age of 0 to 12 years old who came from poor families. There were
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Pro-Life Seminar in India

by Bro Kumud Nayak, C.J.D.



On the 24th of July I organized a one day moral awareness program at Dr Abdul Kalam Junior College in Simonbadi, Orissa, India. There were several resource persons for the seminar and I was invited as the chief speaker of the day. The seminar was tri-lingual (English, Oriya and Kui). The resource persons spoke on different aspects of morality for the youth. I was privileged to conduct a 2 hour workshop on 'Pro-Life – A Future Plan of Life'. 257 students (both boys and girls) along with their teaching staff participated in the seminar. This seminar helped them to understand the value of life. Though abortion is legal in India in life and death situations, it is considered a grave sin in the society and is a punishable offence. These days this inhuman act is becoming more common among the college-going youth and working unmarried men and women. Having
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some adults who got the clothes too. The parish priests, kids, parents and people who received the distribution of the clothes thanked JSP so much for helping and supporting them. They gave their prayers and good wishes for all people who have done good things for them. How charmed it was to see people's happy faces and cheerful eyes on the day when they received the clothes. That's when we realize how beautiful it is to live in the spirit of sharing and caring!

The JSP Company is now preparing to send the next thirteen big boxes of clothing to be distributed to more people in need in the Diocese of Maumere. Thank you, JSP! The grace of God be with you in your lives and work ahead!



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Spring Dates in History

- March 30, 1888 Ivan Ivanovich Mantsevich donated land for the construction of the **first Catholic church** in the Russian Far East in Vladivostok.



highlighted the present facts of life, I tried to give to the listeners awareness of the need to support and encourage life by opposing abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, and embryo-destructive medical procedures. It was well appreciated by the all. The managing committee and the students and other participants appreciated the talk and promised me that they would stand for life in their locality.



Brother Kumud and his listeners. Many men attended.

From the Women's Support Centers

Once a mother with seven children came to us. Her oldest child had muscular dystrophy, and the newborn was sick. The dad couldn't stand the strain and ran off leaving Natasha to cope for herself and her children. The baby needed diapers and a stroller and the oldest needed medicine, and the middle children were outgrowing their clothing. We helped by contacting other moms that we knew whose children had outgrown their clothing or had surplus baby items. Every month we gave her diapers and food for the baby. When the baby was old enough, Natasha became one of our volunteers.

Lubov, Women's Support Center, Trudovoye



First Concert February 2, 2018

The Magadan – Vladivostok Church Organ Connection Continues

by Fr Daniel L Maurer CJD

It is a great pleasure to announce the arrival of a new large church organ in the Russian Far East – in the far far northeastern city of Magadan!

This new organ continues the close connection of the Magadan Catholic parish of the Nativity of the Lord with our main Catholic parish of the Most Holy Mother of God in Vladivostok. The connection began in 2003, when the Catholic parish of St Charles Borromeo in Kettering, OH gave our Vladivostok parish their large, vintage analog electronic organ (Rodgers “Providence 330”: three manuals, 42 stops, ca. 1972). However, while it was on the ship to Vladivostok, we received the gift of our new Rodgers digital electronic organ (3 manuals, 170 stops!) from Stella Maris parish on Sullivans Island, Charleston, SC, so, with the permission of St Charles, we decided to give their former organ to the parish in Magadan, where it served well for 14 years.

In 2015 Magadan pastor Fr Michael Shields decided that it was time for his parish to develop a more active organ concert program for the city, so he asked the advice of this author to help find a larger, newer instrument, and if possible, with some real pipes. As with everything about the still-fledgling Catholic Church in Russia, cost is always an important consideration. I showed him our large Rodgers digital organ and our “Saint Ambrose Pipes”, a set of 6 stops of real pipes (Fratelli Ruffatti, 1969) which our benefactors in the USA “adopted” for us in 2008. We still use



the electronic organ for every Sunday Mass, but the pipes were no longer in use because we acquired our new Diego Cera Opus 25 manual-action (tracker) pipe organ in 2014. I told Fr Michael that, if he could find another Rodgers digital electronic organ, he could also take our pipes for the cost of what we paid (less than 10% of the cost of a new set of similar pipes!)

Fr Michael decided to go ahead with the project. We started the search for a formerly-owned large Rodgers digital organ which could be connected to the Saint Ambrose pipes in Magadan. (“Formerly-owned” is a very important factor because it is much more affordable.) This is no easy task because formerly-owned, 3-manual Rodgers digital electronic organs rarely appear publically on the used organ market, perhaps because they are of such high quality that the original owners never let them go!

Fortunately a great supporter of Rodgers in the USA, Mr. Noel Jones of Frog Music Press, had heard that a large Rodgers might soon be available in Berlin, Germany. We got in touch with the Rodgers representative in Berlin, and were in time to purchase an ideal organ for this project at a huge discount, a Rodgers Trillium Masterpiece 928 Medallion (2010).

In early 2017 the organ in Berlin was packed and shipped to Vladivostok, and the St Ambrose pipes were packed here and ready to join the Rodgers Masterpiece in the same container to complete the journey to Magadan by ship. With the expert work of organ masters from Diego Cera of the Philippines, the entire installation was done from October 2017 to January 2018. The artistry of local Magadan wood sculptor, Nicholai Kucherov, greatly enhances the appearance of the organ. It is a “work in progress” since several details of the organ case are yet to be completed.

Combined with the fine acoustics of the worship space of the beautiful church in Magadan, this organ project is a great success and a great addition to the cultural life of the city. Former Vladivostok organist, Marina Omelchenko, now head organist of the Roman

Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Moscow, played the three inaugural concerts on the new organ on February 2, 3, and 4 with a total of around 400 people in attendance. I was able to be present to share in the joy of the parishioners about the acquisition of a real pipe organ for their parish. As Marina told the concert goes in her remarks during each concert, “A city which has the good fortune to obtain a real pipe organ become a different kind of city!”

News Notes

by V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.



Vicky and two of her grandsons

- January 19 was the 10th anniversary of **Mrs Vicky Trevillyan**'s work as the U.S.A. National Coordinator of Mary Mother of God Mission Society. She has done a really great job these years! And I don't know anybody who could have done it better! You are a God-send, Vicky! Thanks!

- From November 8-12 Fr Jose Unlayao, C.J.D. attended the **National Assembly of Filipino Priests Serving in America**. Fr Jose serves in Las Vegas at our sister parish of St Joseph Husband of Mary. He said, "We were around 500 priests and religious in Houston Texas. This gathering happens every 3 years, and the venue will be in New Jersey in 2020. It was a helpful and grace-filled moment to be with brother priests, most of whom are now parish priests or getting ready to become one. Surprisingly I was voted to become the representative in the state of Nevada." [We're not surprised—They picked the right person!—ed] The NAFP council will meet twice a year for updates and preparations.

- In Russia on Christmas we had a really full house for the "**Midnight Mass**". The kids did a really spectacular performance of the Nativity scene—We started that years ago before we had figures for a Bethlehem scene, and it is still a tradition, although we also have a "crib" now. We had university students attending from all over the world: China, India, Pakistan, Africa, South America. The Sisters in Jesus the Lord held a Christmas party for foreign students at the St John the Evangelist Student Center (which is still woefully in need of repair) near the university on Russian Island. Hopefully it helped them deal with the blues of not being home for Christmas.

- In Las Vegas Fr Jose was busy organizing the traditional Filipino "**Simbang Gabi**" [**Night Mass**], the nine days' novena in preparation for Christmas. "This year was bigger than last year and more prayer groups are



Unto us a child is born! In Vladivostok



Plenty of stars for Christmas in Las Vegas

joining us, and we encouraged them to bring their own processional "Parol" lantern to symbolize their own prayer group. Hearing Christmas carols and Mass songs in the Tagalog language was nostalgic to most of them. That adds to the joy and festivity of the Simbang Gabi. Each prayer group was assigned to prepare for a particular night with choir, readers, ministers and food after the mass. Nightly almost 250 people attended, but the biggest one was on December 22 when the Diocesan Pilgrim Simbang Gabi visited at St Ann's Parish and so we hosted about 500 people."

St Anne's Church was packed for the event.



● The Christmas **Festival of Christian Choirs**, which we host after Orthodox Christmas on January 7, was a success again this year. Our main ecumenical event of the year, the Festival is a time when we Christians don't argue about dogma, but celebrate the birth of the Savior! There were five choirs from various churches, plus a local children's choir which sang together with our choir. Here is a picture.



● Here is a photo of several of the grateful and happy faces of just three of the 60 very poor people who received our **"Soup Kitchen"** package of foods in December. Thanks to all the benefactors who donated to the Soup Kitchen project, and to the Social Services Department of the City of Vladivostok for helping to choose the recipients and who made the food deliveries! And to Lily Timofeevna who chose the foods and oversaw the project. We are planning another "Soup Kitchen" for Easter.



● With over 200 **Catholic students attending the Far Eastern Federal University** here in Vladivostok from a variety of countries of the world, we and the Sisters in Jesus the Lord are trying to figure out the best way to minister to these students especially at this time of their lives when many are away from home for the first time. We not only want to provide the sacraments now, but also to help the students remain churched for their later lives. They can participate in the Far Eastern Catholic Youth Conference, but that is in the summer when many students are at home. We already have a Wednesday night program of a talk, Evening Prayer, and supper that

they can attend at the sister's convent in Russian Island. We are encouraging the students to form a Catholic Club on campus to coordinate things for Catholic students and to remind them of their heritage. We are also proposing a Saturday night "Sunday Mass" near campus for them because the campus is a 40 minute ride from our church, which can be a cold, cold bus ride in our winters when it is a windy 5 degrees F for weeks at a time, and they don't have autos. We would love to have a Saturday night service right on campus, but religious services on state campuses are not legal in Russia. So we need to have a place near campus. Perhaps we will need to buy land and build a chapel nearer the campus, as is usual in the U.S.A., too. We'll have to see what God wants, and what benefactors will provide.

Windows and Doors for the new Our Lady of the Pacific church in Nakhodka



How would you like to provide a stained glass window or a door for the new **Church of Our Lady of the Pacific** in Nakhodka, Russia? Maybe even in memory of a deceased loved one? Here is the list of available windows. God bless you! Call the office to reserve your window before someone else gets it! (209-408-0728). God bless you!

Item	Description	Sq Ft	Cost \$
1	Rose Window: Our Lady of the Pacific FUNDED	30	1054
2	Main Sanctuary wall: Last Supper	48	7062
3	Main Sanctuary wall: Sermon on the Mount	48	7062
4	Transept Window: Pentecost with St. Mary	97	26972
5	Transept Window: Holy Family with St Joseph	97	26972
6	Midsized nave Windows: St Theresa of Lisieux	48	7062
7	Midsized nave Windows: Ss Cyril and Methodius	48	7062
8	Choir loft windows: St Nicholas FUNDED	20	1289
9	Choir loft Windows: St Cecilia FUNDED		
10	Main Façade Window: Baptism of Jesus FUNDED	20	1289
11	Main Façade Window: Nativity FUNDED	20	1289
12	Main Façade Window: Resurrection	81	11170
13	Main Façade Window: St John Paul II	20	1289
14	Main Façade Window: Jesus & Children FUNDED		
15	Above entrance: Our Lady of the Pacific FUNDED	20	1289
	Church		
16	wooden door, sacriety room	20	560
17	wooden doors store room	20	560
18	Aluminium frame doors	30	1051
19	Aluminium frame doors	41	1388

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16	wooden door, sacricty room	20	560
17	wooden doors store room	20	560
18	Aluminium frame doors	30	1051
19	Aluminium frame doors	41	1388
20	Aluminium frame doors	41	1388
21	Aluminium frame doors	41	1388
22	Main entrance steel door Holy spirit	41	4286
	choir loft		
23	Aluminium frame doors	23	839
24	door anti fire ventilation room	20	631
25	door anti fire to the belfrey	20	631
26	wooden door	23	519
	ground floor		
27	Aluminium frame doors two	30	2103
28	wooden doors eight	20	3774
29	wooden doors four	18	1741
30	steel door	30	1729
31	steel door	20	1201
32	steel door anti fire two	20	1071

Opportunities

♥ You can be an important part of developing churches for our mission and meet the spiritual needs of those in Russia and Indonesia. **Our Lady of the Pacific, Nakhodka** church construction, the **Maumere, Indonesia** chapel construction, and the **Vladivostok** Churchyard Land purchase are all projects in need of help. You can donate on our website or by sending a check. Please watch for progress on these important projects on our website www.vladmission.org. God bless you for your help.

♥ Can you **sponsor a seminarian** in his journey to priestly ordination? In a few short years we have seen seven priests ordained in the order of Canons Regular Of Jesus The Lord. We currently have 39 seminarians in various levels of education and formation in the Order. They need your help to continue their journey. Might you or your apostolate prayerfully consider sponsoring a seminarian? Please contact the California mission office for information.

♥ Julianne Immordino from New York continues to create beautiful **Swarovski crystal rosaries**, valued at \$100 for anyone who donates \$500 or more to our **seminarians' education**. God bless you for your generosity, Julianne and seminarian benefactors.

♥ Masses celebrated in Russia may be requested for loved ones, living or dead. **Mass stipends** support Fr Myron and Fr Dan. Please send your special intentions or Mass requests to the mission office. Mass cards will be sent to you or designated persons. Suggested stipend is \$15 per mass.

♥ Our **Women's Support Centers** provide babies and families with food and clothing, medical aid, counseling and family life education. Donations from individuals are, for now, keeping the centers open from month to month. We're praying for more assistance so we can continue our work developing healthy families and saving children from abortion. To meet increasing cost, it takes \$916 per month, or \$10,992 per year to keep each one of our six centers open. Can you help?

♥ Our long running **Adopt A Birth** program within the Women's Centers has now helped **save well over 2500 babies from abortion**. The number of babies saved continues to grow as long as our center doors can remain open. Mothers will receive the help they need to keep their babies pre- and post-delivery with your donation of \$50 to the **Adopt A Birth** program. You will pay for the medical supplies needed in the hospital to deliver the baby. Often times, the cost of these supplies is the deciding factor for a mother to have an abortion or let her child live. Fr Myron will send you a picture of the newborn you helped save! \$125 to the **Adopt A Mother** program provides help to the mother and baby in the first weeks supplying them with nutritious food, formula, diapers, baby clothes vitamins and medical aftercare.

♥ Easter Blessings and Mother's Day gift! Receive a FREE copy of the **Vladivostok Ecumenical Easter Concert CD** and complimentary giftwrap with your purchase of our mission's **Abundant Blessings** cookbook. Our cookbook has 494 mouth watering international recipes for every course with easy to find ingredients. Recipes were submitted from the many cultures and countries of our priests, seminarians, sisters, and mission families in celebration of our abundant blessings. Our cookbook is padded and tab divided into 8 international geographic areas.



Packed throughout with kitchen helpful hints and quick notes about the families and mission, our book makes interesting reading for your coffee table and an excellent gift choice. Proceeds from 631 cookbooks sold so far have gone to our **seminarians' education fund** and our **Women's Support Centers** to help pregnant women and families. **\$30 per cookbook** covers cookbook, CD, gift wrap (if requested) and shipping in the continental USA.

♥ Look for us at an upcoming **Catholic conference** in your area. Here are some of the conferences we are attending or looking for representatives to help us. If you would like to help out at one of these conferences, please let us know. *(Continued next page column 2)*



Here they are—All the kids and moms saved or helped in 2017 by our six Women's Support Centers. Thanks, Benefactors!



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Don't see us in your area? Please let us know about conferences near you!

- 3/3/18 "Man Up Philly" Men's Conf, Philadelphia, PA
- 3/3/18 Diocese of Stockton Ministry Day, Stockton, CA
- 3/16/18 Catholic Men's Conf., San Antonio, TX
- 3/16/18 Eucharistic Congress, Jacksonville, FL
- 3/17/18 Men's Conference, Worcester, MA
- 3/24/18 Ignite Men's Conference, Syracuse, NY
- 4/6/18 Institute On Religious Life National Meeting, Mundelein, IL
- 4/21/18 Totally Yours Conference, Rolling Meadow, IL
- 4/28/18 Ignited By the Truth, Raleigh, NC
- 5/25/18 NCRC, Santa Clara, CA
- 5/29/18 Catholic Social Service Guild, Modesto, CA

♥ **Bequests – A Lasting Legacy**

A will is the easiest and most effective means to ensure that your assets are distributed as you wish. Bequests, or gifts by will, both large and small, provide long-term support for the ongoing work of Mary Mother of God Mission Society and the mission in Eastern Russia.

Talk Baby
From the Women's Support Centers



That's the best one I've heard today!
[Alexandra July 1, 2017]

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From the development desk...

Dear Friends,

All of us in the USA mission office pray our most humble thanks as we celebrate our 10th year headquartered in California. As for me, serving the people of the Vladivostok mission, first as sister parish coordinator in our parish, then as national coordinator, is one of the greatest of blessings of my life, only second to my wonderful family. I wish all of you could visit Vladivostok to witness the holy work being accomplished. Visitors come away with so many special, yet poignant experiences.

One of many such experiences was during our mission team's help at the orphanage. We women played with the children while the men in our team lent helping hands doing small repair jobs throughout the orphanage. The caretakers took advantage of the opportunity since there were no men working in the orphanage. I cradled a 4 year old as I sang and talked to her for hours. The little girl was not able to speak, so she just watched my lips and listened. In her short life, she had been left to lie in her crib with little attention. She had no hips, only two short limbs for legs. She was wrapped in a round bundle from the waist down like a bobble ball. I could not let go of her and held her with all the love I could give. When I was made to leave as our time to visit was up, I watched with many tears how she was left to lie in her crib alone, not able to sit up on her own. But I was grateful for the miracle God gave to both of us that day, the love we exchanged. You see, by the time we parted, the little girl was trying to imitate my sounds, a

sort of hum came from her as she watched my lips. Her droopy and distant expression had changed to one of inquisition and effort. I prayed, if only someone could spend just a little time with her each day!

The mission provided that special opportunity of time and love and does so everyday through the works of the priests, sisters, staff and volunteers of the mission. Hearts are changed through the example of Jesus' love and spirit in all of them.

I am forever grateful for the blessing to be part of the mission family with all of you. The *Story of Love* enclosed here was written on Valentine's Day many years ago but today still brings tears of humble gratitude to remember the everyday miracles of the Vladivostok mission. May you and your family be blessed this Lent and Easter and Pentecost.

Sincerely, Vicky Trevillyan Mission Coordinator
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From the Women's Support Centers

Often the women who come to the Center are moms of a larger family. Often they come with their older children to get help who look at you with disbelief, then with curiosity, and then with careful hope, as they see that somebody does really want to help them in their difficult moment. When they come again, the child is the first to come in the door warming us with a smile and a greeting. At Christmas we sponsored a project "Give a Kid Some Joy" when we collected 27 packages of goodies from merchants for the sisters and brothers of new-born babies. It was fun for us to thus greet kids who maybe feel insecure that mom has a different child to care for.

---Anastasia, Women's Support Center, Romanovka